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In re Application of:

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MODULE REPLACING METHOD

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002, the period for reply extending to March 13, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 6, and 16 as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A method of replacing a fan module during operation of an electronic apparatus, said method comprising the steps of:
- instructing a replacement of a fan module;
 - controlling a fan drive voltage supplied to the fan module; and
 - turning off the fan drive voltage when the replacement is instructed.

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